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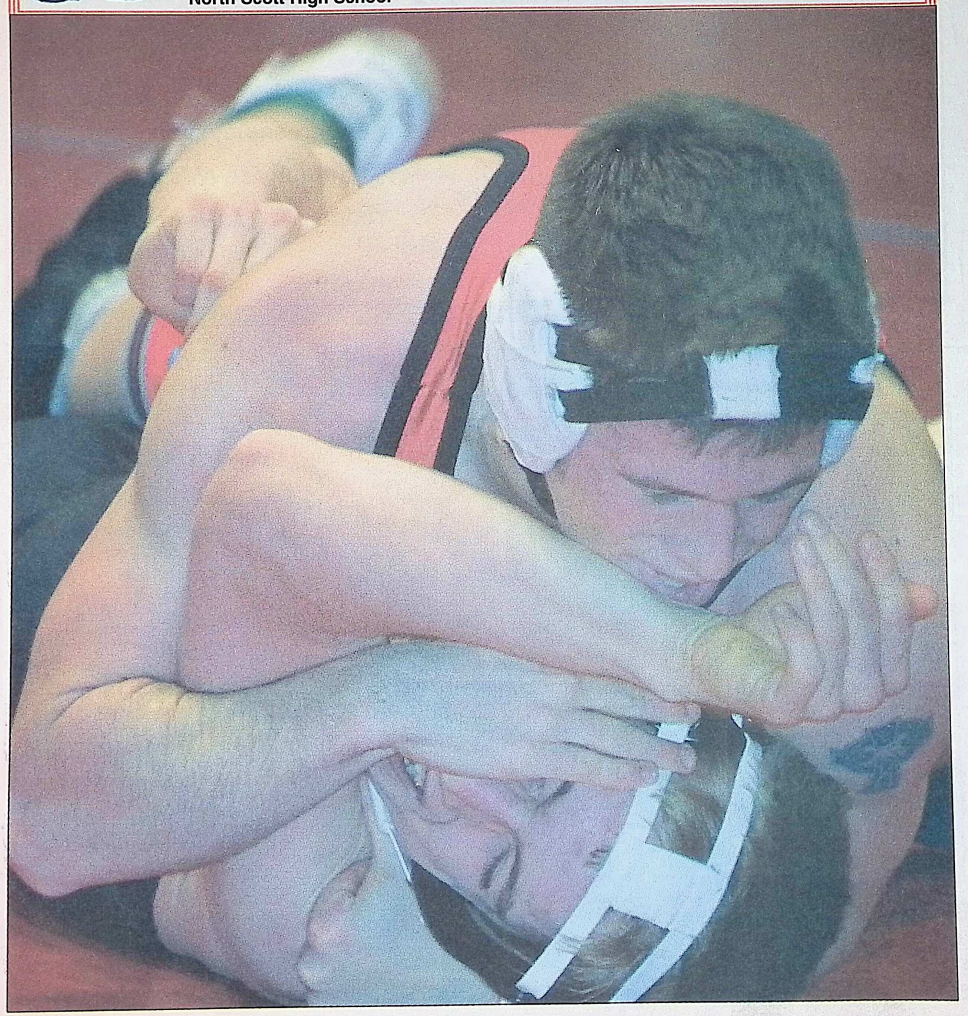

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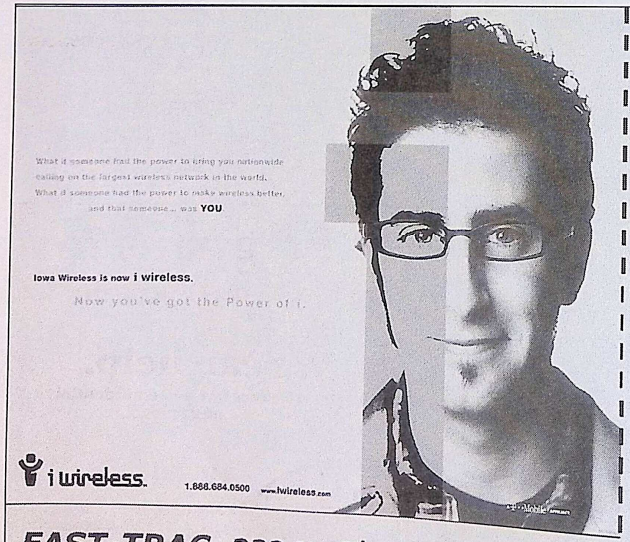
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You could be a poet, you just don't know it

Lindsey Drenter
REPORTER

The Morning Star needs your entries as soon as possible! We need your best work, whether it be artwork, writing, or both combined. You don't need to be in any art classes or writing classes to submit something, and you can submit as many items as you like.

All types of artwork are accepted, even sculpture and three dimensional art. We can digitally photograph this art, and two dimensional art can be scanned. Please submit artwork. Drawings, paintings, sculpture, and photography are all welcome. All artwork can be returned to you within one week.

We are still accepting writings. Bring in your best essays, stories, plays, journal entries, random thoughts, jokes, and poems. All submitted writings can be picked up in Mrs. Smith's room at the end of the year.

Entries can be dropped off in Mr. Peeters' room, C9, or Mrs. Smith's room, A12, or to any member of the Morning Star staff, including Lindsey Drenter, Amber Miller, Trisha Simpson, and April Behnke. The deadline for submission will be towards the end of March, but we would appreciate receiving your entries as soon as possible. If you have any questions, talk to Mrs. Smith or any Morning Star staff member. Thank you to all who have submitted so far.

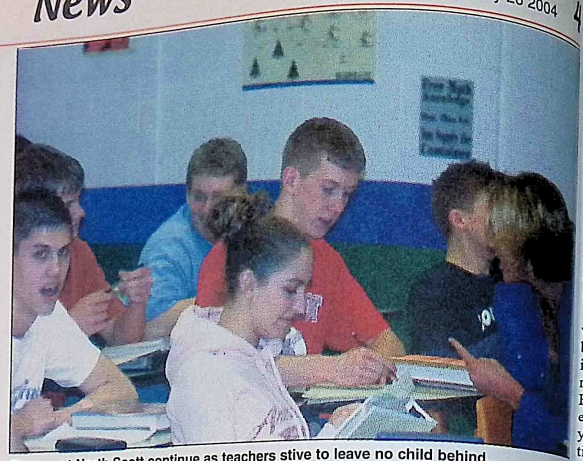
NS students in accident

Jenny Flater
REPORTER

Friday the 13th is supposed to be a day of bad luck, and it happened to turn out that way for Samantha Moses, Monica Barten, Christina Harris, Ken Philips, and Ryan Perdue as they were driving on the Donahue blacktop.

Moses's car was passing Philip's while accelerating uphill. Once she reached the top of the hill, she saw a semi heading towards them. The semi swerved to miss Moses, but ended up hitting her car head on. Moses was immediately airlifted to Genesis East.

Moses sustained a shattered hip, dislocated leg, cuts and bruises to her face, and a few staples in her head. On Tuesday, she was airlifted to Iowa City to see a specialist for her injuries. Barten suffered a shattered shoulder blade, broken arm, and a hole in her lung. Harris, Philips, and Perdue were released that day.



Classes at North Scott continue as teachers stive to leave no child behind.

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NS placed on watch list under NCLB

Abby Dickinson
REPORTER

North Scott High School made the headlines in the Quad City Times for official placement on the watch list under No Child Left Behind.

There are specific standards President Bush has set for this new act, which include: federal legislation requiring districts to report the percentage of students who are proficient (which means they score at the 41st percentile or higher) on the Iowa Tests of Educational Development (ITEDs) in the reading comprehension and math sections of the tests. They have made the requirement that at least 69% of 11th grade students must be in the proficient range. If a school district does not meet these requirements they will be put on the watch list.

However, these are not the reasons our school was placed on this list. There are subgroups of students (like Special Education students or students who receive discounts on lunches). This subgroup must also have 69% of the students being proficient. This is an outrageous requirement, as certain students with certain learning disabilities simply cannot score that high.

There are ways around some of these stipulations, as school districts are only required to report statistics on subgroups that have over [illegible] people. For instance, just because Pleasant Valley and Bettendorf aren't on the watch list doesn't mean that they met all of the requirements; it simply means that they have under [illegible] students in that subgroup, whereas we have [illegible].

In order to get our school off of the watch list our district is going for a different approach: practicing for the ITEDs. They want our student body to improve our scores as a whole; however, it wasn't the majority of the student body who landed us on the watch list in the first place, it was our subgroup of Special Education students and those who receive [illegible] counts on lunch money. There is no one to blame for this, it is not the Special Ed. students' fault, the standards are extremely high. Even if our whole school improves their scores and the subgroup doesn't, we will still remain on the watch list.

The major question with the No Child Left Behind Act remains: are children still being "left behind"? If North Scott doesn't get off the watch list within three years it has the possibility of being shut down. As you may have noticed, we don't exactly have any other schools nearby, wouldn't it be worse to send students to other schools?

Students suffer symptoms of SAD

Lindsey Epkes
REPORTER

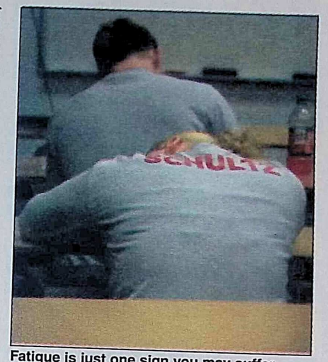
Are you desperately missing those days of fun in the sun and suffering from a case of the winter blues? If so, you may be among every one in four Americans that suffer from these seasonal blues; for people with a more serious case of winter depression they are suffering from Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD).

SAD results from the shorter winter days when there is less exposure to sunlight. It is believed that more time spent in the dark will increase the levels of the sleep related hormone, melatonin. Supposedly January and February are the worst months for SAD sufferers because the days are the shortest of the year. In fact, 5% of the United States population will suffer from SAD during the winter months.

According to the National Mental Health Association people who suffer SAD will have symptoms such as changes in sleeping patterns, continuing blue or anxious mood, loss of enjoyment for activities, and different eating habits. Changes in eating may be cravings for sweet or starchy foods and result in weight gain. Other symptoms are fatigue, irritability and problems concentrating. These SAD symptoms obviously will then decline during the spring and summer seasons when days grow longer.

To increase your chances of preventing SAD from affecting you, try sending more time outside during the summer, catching rays and building up your supply of serotonin, the hormone that causes elevated moods from exposure to bright light. Among treatments for SAD, bright-light therapy may reduce symptoms quicker than antidepressant drugs.

Some suggested activities to help you enjoy the sun include taking work breaks outside, get out and about early in the morning to soak up more sun, or exercise early in the morning.



Fatigue is just one sign you may suffer from SAD.

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Weird, but true

Brittany Clemmens
REPORTER

A German man was convicted of manslaughter after performing an act of cannibalism. Armin Meiwes, a 42 year old computer expert, was given 8 1/2 years in prison after dismembering and devouring a human in March 2001. Meiwes had been in contact with hundreds of willing victims through the internet, until choosing Bernd Juergen Brandes as his victim.

Brandes insisted that a piece of his body be cut off and the two attempted to eat it together but failed. They waited for hours until Brandes passed out from blood loss, at which time Meiwes stabbed him several times. After cutting the body into smaller pieces, Meiwes put the portions into a freezer and ate 20 kilograms at a time over the following months.

Defense attorneys claimed the crime was a mercy killing, since the victim agreed to be eaten. They wanted Meiwes to be convicted of "killing of request", which would carry a sentence of six months to five years.

Although Meiwes confessed to the crime, the jury sat through hours of video documenting the event. The film showed Meiwes dismembering the body and talking to the severed head before hanging the pieces on hooks. Meiwes also sat in front of the courtroom and shocked the jury with his detailed explanation of his fetish with cannibalism that began as a teenager.

German prosecutors for this case plan to appeal the manslaughter conviction.

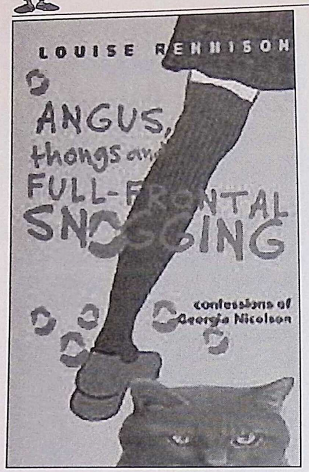
It's back

Hot

-Fame
-Basketball games
- Snow days
- 3 and 4 day weekends coming up
- Good Valentines day gifts
- BC
- NS News
- Fridays @ 3:05

Not

-Students not going to NS activities
- no spring break
- not getting snow days
- people complaining about the Lance
- Girls who over expose themselves
- being sick and contagious
-practicing for ITEDS
- Everyday from 8-3:04 in school



Reading has never been so fun

Kaitlin Carlin
REPORTER

I usually have trouble finding a book to read that interests me. I hate romance, science fiction and historical books. Mysteries are ok, but I'd rather read a book that didn't make you think. I like books that are easily relateable to people my age and interesting with a touch of humor. "Angus, Thongs and Full-Frontal Snogging" is all that but with double the humor.

"Angus, Thongs and Full-Frontal Snogging" chronicles the life of 14 year-old Georgia Nicolson living in England. After meeting Robbie one day, aka the Sex God, Georgia knows she has to have him. And she will st at nothing to get him. Her hysterical adve tures and mishaps throught out this book w leave you wondering what trouble Georgia w get into next. Between fearing that her father a transvetite, getting kissed by her cousi shaving off her eyebrows, keeping an eye her devious cat, and stalking Robbies gi friend; Georgia is having to learn how to de with the heartache and mixed emotions havi a crush can give you.

Whether it be having a crush on a boy, havi embarassing parents or feeling like your t only girl without a boyfriend; there is some thing every girl can relate to in this book "Angus, Thongs, and Full-Frontal Snogging is a great book for girls who just want to hav a good laugh. I highly recommend this book t anyone with a sense of humor. It is available for $6.99 at Borders.

"Angus, Thongs and Full-Frontal Snogging," available on amazon.com for $6.99

Kutcher surprises fans in this sci-fi thriller

Kaitlin Carlin
REPORTER

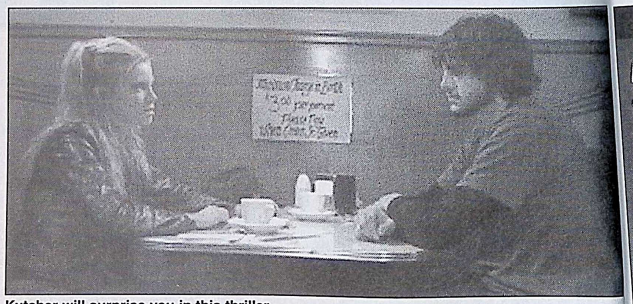
Ashton Kutcher has finally ditched his trucker hat and boneheaded ways we're all use to seeing on That 70's Show and Punk'd to take on a dramatic role for the sci-fi/thriller film "The Butterfly Effect". While this may seem like a stretch for Kutcher who's previous work include the box office bomb "Just Married" and the recently released "Cheaper By the Dozen", but it really isn't.

The movie begins with a young Evan Treborn and friends Kayleigh, Tommy and Lenny experiencing many traumatic events in their life from being made to take part in kiddy porn by Kayleigh and Tommy's pedophile father to accidentally killing a woman and her baby with a bomb. When it's all over all Evan remembers is blacking out. He can't remember what happened and why things are suddenly the way they are . After seeing a psychiatrist who can't find anything wrong with him, the diagnosis the doctor gives Evan is to write in a daily journal.

The movie jumps to Evan as a grown man in college studying psychology. After going many years without having the blackouts, Evan begins to read his journals he kept as a kid. While reading, he is suddenly transported back in time to those events he couldn't remember as a child, giving him the opportunity to change the past. But what Evan doesn't realize is that as the past changes so does the future. Evan goes back in time to change the past in order to change the present and so on so many times through out the movie it almost gives you a headache. His main intention for going back in time is to save Kayleigh (Amy Smart) and Tommy (William Lee Scott) from their father and Lenny (Elden Henson) from a life in a mental institute.

You almost need to take notes to keep up with what is going on but it would be well worth it. While Smart gives a careless and unconvincing performance as Kayleigh, Kutcher shines in his first dramatic role, proving once and for all he can be serious. The interesting and thought provoking plot is so intriguing the 1 hour and 54 minutes seem to fly by.

While "The Butterfly Effect" hasn't received great reviews (critic Chris Kaltebach of The Baltimore Sun reviewed the movie as "just silly"), I thought this movie was great. I would highly recommend this movie to anyone but due to a few very disturbing scenes, I wouldn't recommend anyone under 14 to go see this movie.



Kutcher will surprise you in this thriller

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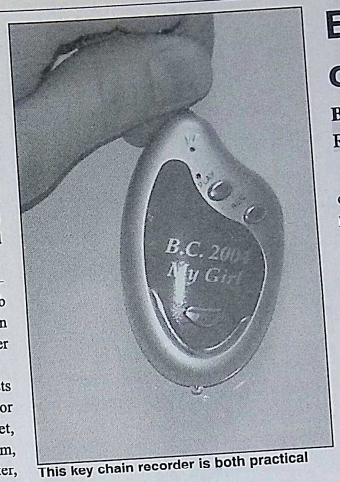
NS Jazz Bands receive first place at festival

Lindsay Eickstaedt
REPORTER

Our very own Jazz I and Jazz II received first place at the Western Illinois Jazz Festival February 20-21. Jazz I also received the Grand Champion award for large school jazz bands.

The festival was on the Western Illinois campus and the students had to travel to Macomb on bus to perform. Throughout the day on Saturday they got the opportunity to hear other schools' jazz bands as well.

Receiving recognition for outstanding soloists were from Jazz I: Kristena Easter, senior alto/clarinet, Lee Burress, senior trumpet, Shawn Spencer, senior guitar, Luke Carlstrom, senior bass, and Lindsey Drenter, senior/vocals. For Jazz II: Kelsey Dunn, sophomore alto, Meredith Abbott, sophomore trumpet, and Zan Preston, sophomore guitar.



This key chain recorder is both practical and fun.

Staff photo

BC tickets go on sale March 1

Bethany Reno
REPORTER

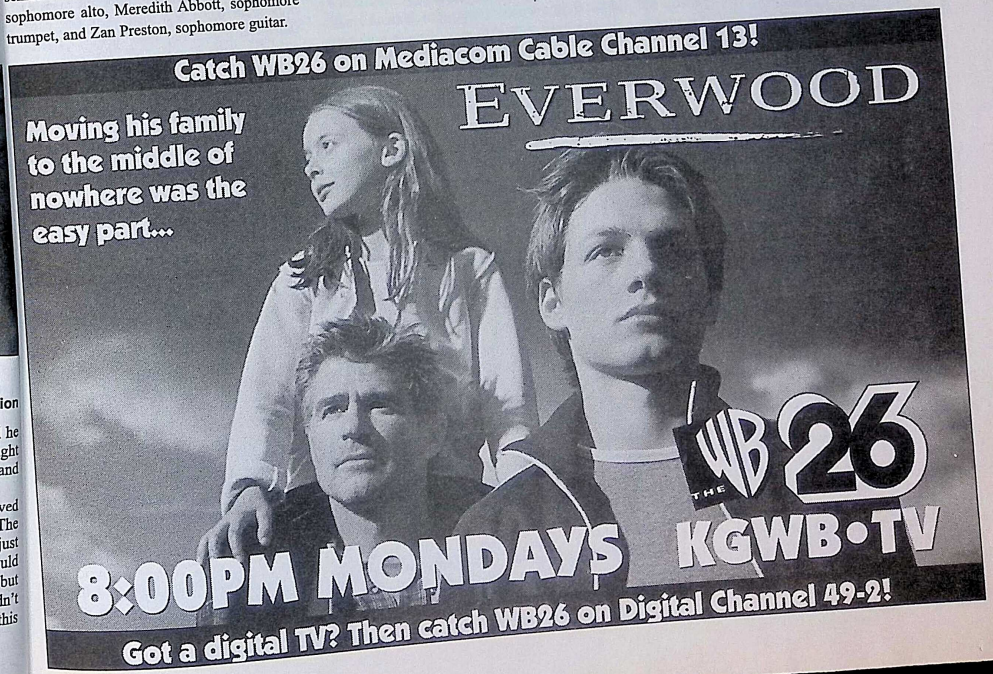
The annual North Scott bachelor capture dance will be held on March 6 from 8 till 11 p.m. at the high school.

This year's theme is My Girl. The colors are pearl pink and pearl blue. A key chain mini recorder is this year's souvenir (as shown). The cost will be eight dollars a piece.

The dance will have music provided by Music Connection and pictures will be taken by Mark's Place.

Bachelor capture, known as BC, is a girl ask guy dance. This is the one dance that takes all the pressure of asking off the guys and puts it on the girls.

Tickets will be going on sale March 1st in the commons during lunch hours. It'll be a great time with lots of fun, so don't miss it!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A look at the effects of NS diversity on non-caucasian students

Aaron Schroeder & Jenny Flater

REPORTERS

At North Scott, less than 3 percent of students are of a non-caucasian ethnicity. That adds up to less than thirty students (for those of you not knowing the math). The Lance interviewed Robert Richardson and Justin Needom to help highlight the lives of minorities in our school.

The Lance: What is it like being part of an ethnic minority at North Scott?

Justin: The teachers don't look at me different...but the students...some students don't look at me the same as other white kids. In general [the students] are alright.

The Lance: Was the treatment different where you used to live?

Justin: I moved here two years ago. My old school was a lot bigger, a lot more students, and the kids were like 98% black.

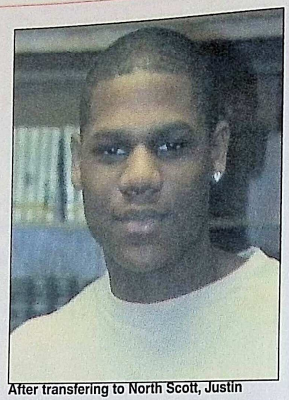
Robert: It was better because there were more people of my race, it was a little easier because most people of the same race, stuck with their race.

The Lance: Does being a black athlete at N.S. have any effect on the way people treat you?

Robert: I play basketball. Actually I've made a lot of friends since I've been in basketball. Now, everybody treats me like everybody else.

Justin: Here at North Scott, they try to treat me the same way they treat everybody else. As I got to know the students, they treated me different, but I started to make friends with some of them, and I got my own group.

It seems that most Davenport and urban school view North Scott as "hickish"--partly because of our lack of ethic minorities. However, it seems that, aside from numbers, minorities at North Scott live similar lives to those of other districts, and we are always trying to improve our accepting everyone.



After transfering to North Scott, Justin Needom is ajusting to life at a predominately white school.

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War wounds remain from Civil War

Abby Dickinson

REPORTER

For some of you it's been awhile since junior high when you learned about the Civil War, let me refresh your memory: We were taught that the southern states broke off into the Confederacy and the main conflict was slavery. We learned that the North (the Yankees) were the "good guys" and we couldn't help but think of the southerns as the "bad guys" who were "all for slavery and treated their slaves horribly". However, is all of that really true? Remember, there are two sides to every story.

In southern states students are taught differently when it comes to the Civil War. We learned that the northern states won, and the southern states lost. Both were taught that Lee surrendered, but southern students were never taught that the south lost--they were taught that "Lee surrendered bravely with no other options."

When the northern schools go over the topic of slavery it takes up a whole chapter, we are taught about the underground railroad, the slaveships and auctions, and how poorly they were treated by their owners. "The south briefly covers the area of slavery, noting that there was some wrong doing by some owners, but mostly it was defending the fact that many plantations took great care of their slaves, and they were a great asset to the cotton farms," said Adam Bader, who was taught in Georgia.

For years there have been debates about the causes of the Civil War, it seems as if there are no absolute answers, just theories. The northern states taught their theories and the southern taught theirs. It is only when the two are compared that the major differences are brought up and controversey comes up.

Celebrate great leaders who advanced civil rights

Lindsay Eicksteadt

REPORTER

Across the nation, African Americans are c ebrating their heritage in the annual Bl History Month. This celebration started as j a week-long event called 'Negro Hist Week' by Dr. Carter G. Woodson in 1926. apparently chose the second week in Febru to designate as 'Negro History Week' becau two men who greatly influenced the Afri American population, Abraham Lincoln a Frederick Douglas, were born in this month.

February was also an important month, only were these two men born, but becau other events occurred which helped the Afri American culture succeed in America as we The timeline illustrates these reasons.

February 23, 1868:

W. E. B. DuBois, an important civil rig leader and co-founder of the NAACP, w born.

February 3, 1870:

The 15th Amendment was passed, granti blacks the right to vote.

February 25. 1870:

The first black U.S. senator, Hiram Revels, took his oath of office.

February 12, 1909:

The Nation Association for t Advancement of Colored People (NAAC was founded by a group of concern black and white citizens in New York City.

February 1, 1960:

A group of black Greensboro, N.C., colle students began a sit-in at a segregat Wollworth's lunch counter.

February 21, 1965:

Malcolm X, the militant leader who pr moted Black Nationalism, was shot to death three Black Muslims.

African Americans outpace whites in military service

Dan Schaub

REPORTER

Throughout US history our independence has relied on the edge of a sword or the tip of the bullet and the military has remained one of the most fearsome powers on the planet, but the African American population has been only serving in these forces for about 130 years.

The first African American volunteer regiment was the 54th Massachusetts in March 1863. They were primarily used for manual labor during the Civil War rather than as soldiers. Whey they were given the chance to fight in a major battle more than thirty-five percent of the men died for a fort that was never captured during the war. The 54th Massachusetts' story is chronicled in the 1989 film, "Glory."

Blacks remained separated from white long after their first battalion was established. In fact, the first interracial regiment wasn't created until shortly before the Vietnam War. Benjamin O. Davis Sr. was the first black general ever (October 1940) but the position he held was only a temporary one.

In America today there are 2.6 million black veterans, that is about seven percent of the black population. On the other hand, less than one percent of the white have served in the military. About 2.2 million white people are veterans in wars dating back from the Spanish-American war.

Today there are 1.4 million people serving in the US military on active duty. Twenty-two percent of them are black, or 308,000 soldiers. About 65 percent of the armed forces are white, or 910,000 soldiers. That means about .78 percent of blacks work in the military while only .42 percent of whites are serving in the military.

The fact to put across is that while blacks make up only thirteen percent of the population they make up a quarter of our fighting forces oversees. As well, whites make up seventy-five percent of the population but only a little more than half of our men enrolled in the military forces.

The bare truth of it is that since their beginning enrollment in the military blacks have been making up more than their percentile in population. Why aren't whites?

Do we need Black History month?

Kaity Moss

REPORTER

Black history has been celebrated since 1976, despite the fact that African Americans have been living in the United States since its foundation. In 1926, historian Carter G. Woodeson proposed a Negro History Week to honor the contributions and history of African Americans.

His ideas came to action about nine years later. Woodson chose the second week of February to pay tribute to the birthdays of two Americans that drastically changed the lives of African Americans: Abraham Lincoln and Fredrick Dougles.

Africans have gone through a lot of cruelties and injustices since the day they arrived here in the United States as slaves, and I think it's very important that we recognize them and their many accomplishments.

Sometimes, however, I think we spend too much time focusing on just African Americans. What about the Germans who were discriminated against during World War I? The Japanese during World War II? or the most discriminated group of Americans: the indians? If you want to bring discrimination to more of a current level, what about Arabs ? I feel it is important if not necessary to recognize these different ethnicities and make it known to everyone what kind of things they went though. But we can't just set aside months for all these different ethnic groups. We should be recognizing all ethnicities *every day* for their contributions to American society and culture, as opposed to singling them out one month a year.

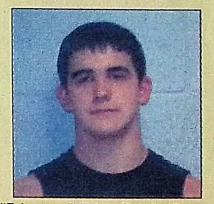
I'm not against Black History Month: I just feel that it would only be fair to other racial groups to recognize their history and their contributions im making America great.

Street Smarts

What month is Black History month?

"March, of course..." Allison Bennet

"March..." Natalie Liske



"February..." Dallas Caweitzell

"January..." Kurt Cunningham

Symbols of hate reflect weakness

Lindsey Drenter
COLUMNIST

Black history has been observed by Americans since 1926, first as Negro History Week, and then as Black History Month, but is not observed so respectfully by some North Scott students. The Confederate flag is displayed on pickup trucks in our parking lot, tattooed on the arms of students, in lockers, on notebooks, and on clothing. When asked what this symbol means to them, and why they wear it, one student said, "It's not racist, it's just a symbol of rebellion." I ask, "Rebellion against what; equality?"

If students think that the confederate flag is "just a symbol of rebellion," they are very wrong. The flag that these students display is a Confederate battle flag; a symbol of defiance against integration. It is also a symbol of Southern heritage, but this is Iowa, which was not even a Confederate state during the Civil War.

The display of this flag is a display of hatred. These students are entitled to free speech, but so am I, and I am speaking against this hatred. This is the year 2004, and America is far, far past segregation. People should, by all means, be past racism. I want these students to know that I will not stand for racism. A racist attitude does not belong at North Scott, and it is not welcome.

A person being racist because they were "raised that way" is not an excuse. Everyo has their own mind, and people have free w to change and make their own decisions. have known many racist people, but I cho not to be this way. For example, I was rais on country music, but I don't like it, so I lis to other music. Just because I was raised w this music doesn't mean that I have to like This is not a crutch to lean on; if you rea wanted to be a rebel, you would go against way you were raised. Hate is a sign of wea ness, which is not a quality of a strong rebel

Rebel against hatred, and move past the m takes and ideas of the past. Racism is obsole and it is ridiculous to hate someone for color of their skin. I can hardly believe I ha to say that; didn't Martin Luther King Jr. ma it clear? This attitude is unbelievably stup We're in high school now, kids, we don't ne to be slapped on the hand and told to be n but maybe some students do.

In our defense

After being on the Lance staff for fourteen issues and having written more than thirty articles for publication, we have found that some of our readers have reached a new low in their incessant whining about our newsmagazine. We heard at least one complaint about every single article in the last issue. "Too much politics," "...bad grammar and punctuation...," "Dear Abby should go," " The Lance should go."

If you are an individual guilty of one of these statements, you need to do one of two things: 1) Sign up for the staff, so you can help improve the paper or 2) Stop reading the paper.

We highly doubt that many people are going to stop reading the Lance. When we distributed the last issue, we was engulfed by a circle of students ten deep during A lunch, all trying to get copies of the Lance for themselves and their friends. We mail out 75 copies per issue, administraion asks for 75, and we are usually left with 10 or 15 out of a 1000 copies. It seems that despite all of the complaining, the Lance does have some sort of readership.

If any of the grammar gurus out there haven't realized it yet, this is a student run newspaper: there will be grammatical and punctuation mistakes in every issue. Honestly, look at the Quad City Times, or better yet, other high school newspapers. The grammatical quality and actual decency of articles in other school newspapers is minimal. The Quad City Times, despite having paid, professional editors, often have spelling and grammatical mistakes throughout issues. Finding every single mistake is a virtual impossibility, and, regardless of grammatical mistakes, the topics of the articles do not change. The grammar critics out there need to focus on the article as opposed to whether or not we spelled article correctly.

In response to comments about content in the Lance, we would challenge any group of 12-15 students to get together and produce a quality newspaper. Don't forget that you need to fill every page with interesting articles, quality pictures, spectacular layout, and organize ad space and payments. Production costs around $500 per issue, and you have to find enough copies for students, parents, and administration, or someone will criticize your paper. Oh yeah, you get three weeks to do it. Good luck!

One other thing, this entire article applies to North Scott News, as well. Everyone in North Scott News works his/her tail off to produce and edit a product that kids will find amusing, but appears newsworthy to the administration. After the main sports and activities, that group struggles to come up with interesting content. Instead of whining about North Scott News and renaming it "North Scott Crap," you should try to help instead of being hypocritical over something you know you could never do.

The Lance is happy to have any constructive suggestions from our readers, but unless you are prepared to sign up for the Lance or write a guest article to help improve the paper, your criticism is not appreciated.

To the Editor:

In our role as educators/advisors at North Scott, we would like to address the issue of tolerance in our building. We are concerned about comments we have heard in our classes and hallways. In addition, several of our students have heard adverse remarks in their other classes. These comments were directed towards race, religion, sexual preference, and gender issues. We hope these statements were and are made out of ignorance, not hatred. We would like to remind our North Scott community that tolerance and understanding is a goal we strive to achieve. Cultural diversity should be viewed as positive--not negative.

Mr. Randy Denner, teacher, SADD Advisor

Ms. Diana Smith, teacher

Mac McDonald, teacher, Student Government Advisor, Young Women's Leaadership Forum Advisor

Granite City makes the wait worth it

Kaity Moss
REPORTER

Granite City and Brewery is the new up-scale restaurant in town. Its a dimly lit, cozy, and romantic restaurant that just opened its doors. The parking lot is full all the time especially on the weekends. Its located in between the Showcase Cinemas and Gold's Gym in Davenport.

The hostesses were nice and friendly even though the foyer was crowed and full of hungry customers waiting for their names to be called off of a long list over a loudspeaker .

When you walk through the restaurant you can't help but notice the new plasma televisions showing ESPN, the huge display of three monster brewers, the large glass window with the kitchen located on the other side where you can watch 12 cooks feverishly prepare everyone's meals, the sandstone walls, the extremely high ceiling, the nice bar, and cozy booths.

Granite City's menu is full of delicious meals such as soups, salads, burgers, pasta, sandwiches, and Granite City's very own signature selections which is their personal favorites and specialties. Prices per meal range from about 6- 15 dollars depending on what you get and how much you want to spend.

Located near the cinemas and across from Biagi's, Granit City is a convenient place to go.
Staff Photo

The waiters were all very friendly and they brought out the drinks and appetizer within the first ten minutes of being seated. Shortly after we placed our orders the food arrived and it tasted very good.

It was a long, crowded, and noisy wait but the televisions, and new and interesting atmosphere made the time pass by pretty quickly.

There are no reservations so make sure to arrive a little bit early. A call ahead to check wait time would be a good idea. Overall the food, service and atmosphere were all superb.

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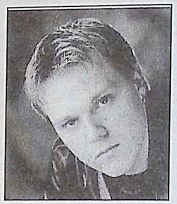
Senior Spotlight

Niki Story

SADD

Birthday: October 6
Parents: Theresa & Keith
Siblings: Shanna & Tyler
Favorite Actor/Actress: Jack Black & Sandra Bullock
Favorite Movie: Orange County
Favorite Food: My mom's taco salad
Quote to live by: "Never let a fool kiss you or a kiss fool you."
Favorite Song: "When I think about angels" and "La Bamba"
Favorite Radio Station: 103.7
Favorite Color: Blue
Dream Car: Hummer
Most Memorable Moment: Being elected SADD president and dating the love of my life.
Current Job: DOTS Clothing & APAC
Dream Job: Dentist
Most Admired Person: My mom
Most Memorable Moment: All the weekends out with my friends
College Goals: Go to Scott, then transfer to Iowa or UNI
Activities at NS: SADD & Key Club
Life Goals: Go to college, get married, get a great job and make lots of money!
Hobbies: Working, going to the movies, bowling, foosball, & Nic



Jack Kloppenborg

Lancer Productions

Birthday: July 19
Parents: Debi & Nick
Siblings: Shane & Beth
Favorite Actor/Actress: Adam Pascall & Julia Roberts
Favorite Movie: Cannibal
Favorite Food: Italian
Favorite Cartoon Character: Taz
Favorite Radio Station: anything without country or opera
Favorite Song: "Faithfully," by Journey
Quote to Live By: "Take time to look up at the stars, you never know when you'll be looking down on them."
Dream Car: Big lime green school bus
Favorite Color: Blue and Black
Dream Job: Be a professional & successful performer
Favorite Subject: Psychology
Most Admired Person: Grandpa Jack Nissen
Most Embarrassing Moment: Icy Hot...
College Goals: Attend Roosevelt university/Chicago College of Performing Arts
Activities at NS: NS Singers, Mississippi Mood, Jazz Choir, LP, SADD, Court Jesters
Life Goals: Perform on Broadway, in movies, Find the "someone" & settle down in NYC
Hobbies: Theatre, music, watching movies, hanging out, & doing stupid things

Chris Steffe

Basketball

Birthday: August 23
Parents: Mike & Lorri
Siblings: Lindsay & Elizabeth
Favorite Actor/Actress: Denzel Washington & Wesley Snipes
Favorite Movie: Undisputed
Favorite Food: Tacos
Favorite Cartoon Character: Sid from Ice Age
Favorite Radio Station: 93.5
Favorite Song: "Faint," by Linkin Park
Quote to Live By: "Your talent is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God."
Favorite Color: Red
Dream Car: White Chevy Blazer
Current Job: Steffe Electric
Dream Job: To become a teacher and have some type of coaching position
Most Memorable Moment: Placing 2nd at State in Basketball
Most Embarrassing Moment: Having my parents pick me up at the police station
College Goals: Attend Scott Community College and then either UNI or St. Ambrose
Activities at NS: Basketball & Soccer
Life Goals: Get married, have a family, and win the lottery
Hobbies: Hanging out with my family, friends, and girlfried Lauren

Amanda Ferden

Basketball

Birthday: April 10
Parents: Michaele & Kurt
Siblings: Nikki & McKenzie
Favorite Actor/Actress: Taye Diggs & Cuba Gooding Jr.
Favorite Movie: The Sweetest Thing
Favorite Food: Pizza
Favorite Cartoon Character: Taz
Favorite Color: Blue
Current Job: Institute of Theraputic Massage & Wellness
Dream Job: Be a massage therapist for the Green Bay Packers
Favorite Subject: Adult Living
Most Admired Person: My sister Nikki
Most Memorable Moment: When Sam Thornburg & Brandon Banks used to come over and get into Nikki's bras and little clothes and put them on.
Most Embarrassing Moment: I am perfect, I don't get embarrassed
College Goals: Go to massage therapy school and then a 2 year college
Activities at NS: basketball & Golf
Life Goals: To have a good job, 3 kids (2 boys, 1 girl) and have a guy that is fine and treats me right
Hobbies: Having Noel over to watch movies, going sleding with Travis, and going to watch peole work on snowmobiles with Allyson

andler and Barrymore shine in his repetitive romantic comedy

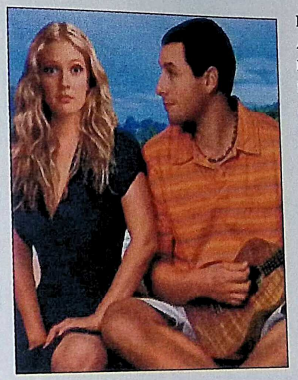
ny Flater
EPORTER

Fifty 1st Dates isn't your typical Adam ndler movie. Of course, Sandler has a medic role, but it's not to the normal extent this other movies such as Happy Gilmore, or lly Madison. In Fifty 1st Dates, he shows a ng and caring side, as he's found the love his life, whom just happens to have lost her rt-term memory in an accident the year fore.

Henry Roth (Adam Sandler), is a marine vet- inarian in Hawaii who likes to seduce men, then blow them off with an absurd ory. One morning, he was out on the water, d the mast of his ship fell down and hit the dder, which flung off. This made it impossi- e for him to direct his boat, so he had to hop his blow up boat and paddle to shore.

When he reached the shore, he walked into a iner, where he spotted a girl named Lucy Whitmore (Drew Barrymore), who was mak- g a structure with her waffles. Something bout Lucy draws him towards her, and he arts to fall for her. She is a local though, hich makes him a little apprehensive, but he n't rid this feeling for her that he has.

They begin to talk and the two instantly click. hey make a date for breakfast the next morn- g, at the same spot. When Henry shows up e next day and try's to talk to her, she doesn't emember who he is and try's to have him



arrested. He then is told why she reacted the way she did, by the workers at the diner, who happen to be friends of the family.

He learns that she was in an accident the year before, and it caused her to lose her short-term memory. She remembers everything up to the day of the accident, but anything after then is erased when she wakes up the next morning. And every morning she wakes up thinking it is her father's birthday (which was on the day of the accident).

Every day is the same for Lucy, her father Marlin (Blake Clark), and brother Doug (Sean Astin). Marlin and Doug try their absolute hardest to protect Lucy from finding out about her accident. In order to do this, they make everyday have the same routine: Lucy eats breakfast at the diner, paints flowers in her dad's workshop, has the same birthday cake, her father opens the same birthday present, and so on. When Lucy goes to sleep, her father and brother rewrap the present, paint over the flowers in the workshop, and make it ready for her to wake up, to the day of her father's birthday, again and again.

Every morning, Henry keeps coming back to the diner, even though Lucy doesn't remember him. Some days there's a connection, other times she is disgusted and annoyed by him. But either way, Henry returns every morning in hopes that her memory will come back.

Fifty 1st Dates is a great romantic comedy that has something for those Sandler fans, and also for those who adore love stories. Now don't get me wrong, it's not all about the romance, so if romantic movies aren't your type, you should still go see the movie because it'll give you a lot of laughs. I wouldn't recommend it for those under 13 though.

Everyone aching for Aiken

Nick Dose
REPORTER

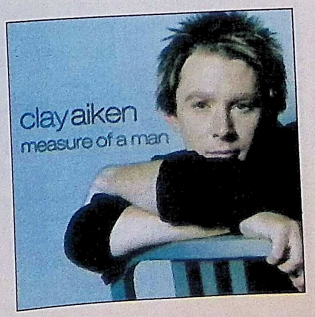
Last year's American Idol runner up, Clay Aiken has topped the charts on Billboards top 100 with his impressive album "Measure of a Man". Aiken's powerful tenor voice is at it's best, giving the fans what they have wanted from him in his debut album.

Aikens first featured single, "Invisible", has such a catchy melody that anyone could remember the chorus after listening to it the first time.

One of the songs Clay mastered through the American Idol competition was, "This is the Night," dazzling his crowd and touching every listeners heart. A smooth yet powerful song, Aiken sends a message for everyone to take great moments and make the best of them.

Aiken succeeds in making this CD attractive not only to teenagers, but to adults as well. His lyrics deliver a perfect example of his maturity as in the chorus of his song, "No More Sad Songs". Aiken sings, "I used to have the longing to hear what was in your heart, but now it seems i'm over the fear of this falling apart."

With his new style and powerful voice, Aiken has raised the bar in the entertainment industry touching hearts all over America.



Wrestlers on a roll

James Onken

SPORTS EDITOR

While most teams were complaining about the controversy in the MAC meet a couple weeks ago, the Lancers had already gone to work, preparing for the Iowa Class 3A district tournament at Muscatine.

The way everything turned out has left other teams with a headache. The Lancers shocked the wrestling world by literally dominating the other teams at the district meet.

"We had really good practices all week and we were just more prepared then the other guys. We wrestled great all day and I'm so proud to be a part of this great team," said Nick Billups.

The Lancers won the district, had three champions and sent six individuals to the state meet next week.

"We all wrestled are best, no one expected us to win," said Stewart Gillmor.

By topping, the eight-team field by 10 points the Lancers also earned a spot in next month's state team duels.

Considering all of the illnesses, injuries and inexperience on this year's team, this is a huge accomplishment.

The Lancers' three champions were Kele Jones (135 lb), Nick Billups (160 lb) and Stewart Gillmor. (130 lb) Those three, along with Clay Baker, Shane Carter and Adam Costello will all be going to Des Moines for the state individual meet.

The Lancers led over the River Kings and Spartans throughout the meet and by as many as 19 points.

"We talked all week about being right there, all we had to do was perform well. And we did," said Kele Jones.

Athlete of the Month: Jessica Thomas

James Onken

SPORTS EDITOR

What sports do you play?

Cross Country, Basketball and Track

What is your favorite sport and why?

Basketball is my favorite because I have been playing it for a really long time and it's fun.

How has basketball season been going?

The season is going really good. Our regular season is over and we played really well for the most part. We tied for third place with Betterndorf. All of the teams are equal, so I'm happy with where we finished.

Have you guys met expectations so far this year?

Everybody besides the people on the team thought that we were going to suck this year because we lost six awesome seniors. But I think we proved to our parents and a few loyal fans along with the MAC that we are better than they thought.

What has been the highlight of this season?

For me the highlight was beating Clinton. It was a close game and they are very good, finishing second in the MAC. It was very emotional for me because I have friends there that I used to play with.

Do you want to play basketball in college? If yes where? If no, where do you want to go to college and why?

I might go to Central College in Pella and play, but if I don't I'm going to UNI because it will be fun and they have a really good Elementary Education Program.

What is your most memorable high school sports moment?

Going to State last year was a lot of fun. I had a blast with Allison Erichsen.

Who do you admire the most?

I admire my parent's friend Mary Beth. She is always positive and has always been there for me. She is a very strong woman.

Where do you see yourself in twenty years?

Married to my sexy husband with a few kids and having the time of my life.

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Girls beat West...fall short at Bettendorf

James Onken

SPORTS EDITOR

The North Scott Lady Lancer's basketball team came to a close last Saturday evening. After winning their first postseason game 34-32 versus West the Lancers fell short 45-40 against Bettendorf in the 4A regional.

"It was a really fun season, we played hard throughout the Bettendorf game. I had alot of fun this year," sad Katy Boll.

During the Lancer's postseason opener they played a tough Davenport West team that was desperate for a win. The Falcons were down 6-4 at the end of the first quarter and 13-4 right before the half.

At this point, the Falcons started to make things interesting. They went on a 6-0 run and put the Lancers lead was down to just one.

Fortunately, for the Lancers, they had a run of their own. North Scott responded in style with a 8-2 run.

The Girls used tough defense and patience on offense to get the victory. Neither team shot the ball very well going for a combined 25-of-83 from the field, along with a total 34 turnovers.

The Lady Lancers were led by Boll, who had 11 points. Senior Eden Olsen added nine points for the girls.

At Bettendorf two days later, the Lancers fell short 45-40 in a very close game. The Lancers were in control in the first half with Boll dominating on the inside. (11 points in first half) Jessica Thomas and Amanda Ferden played great defense for the Lancers.

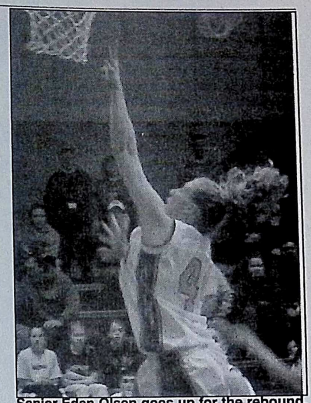
"Bettendorf is always a tough game for us. They are always hitting their shots and free throws. We played good and it was a very fun close game," said senior Amanda Ferden.

The Bulldogs sensing the hammer, tightened up their defense as the second quarter winded down, eventually tying the game at 19.

During the third quarter, the Bulldogs built a small lead, with the help of a three-pointer at the buzzer. The Lancers tied the game twice in the fourth quarter, but could never regain the lead.

With 2:12 left in the game the Bullldogs went on an 8-0 run, putting an end to the Lancers season. Katy Boll, once again, led the Lancers with 15 points and Angie Hartwig added 6.

"It was a great year for us. I am glad I went out this year, it was so fun and I ended the season with alot of wonderful memories...hands up," Ferden added.



Senior Eden Olsen goes up for the rebound.

Staff Photo

Girls basketball deserves fan support

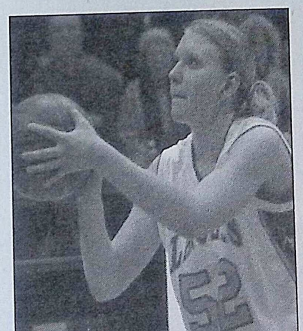
Bethany Reno

REPORTER

I have never been one to write editorials; in fact this is my first time. I'm not the kind of person to write about controversial topics either, but I feel strongly about this one. The support for the girls' basketball team is just pathetic. Few students support the girls' team and in turn don't come to the games. Those who do come won't stand and cheer; it's like they think the girls don't deserve it. However the opposite is true. The girls' team works hard in practice, wins a lot of games, and tries their hardest out on the court.

Now, don't get me wrong, the boys' basketball team is great and can be a lot of fun to watch. I mean they are number one in the state. But when students would rather travel to an away game, pay money to get in, and watch the team stomp the other team into the ground instead of coming to a girls' game at home, paying nothing to get in, and watching them win a tough game, it is just sad.

Even in a substate game, students find excuses not to attend. "I've got too much homework," "I'm too tired," and I even heard one student say, "I don't like watching the girls play, it's too boring, I've got better things to do." Now, switch it around. It's the boy's substate game. Everyone would be there, (no matter how much homework) two hours before the game even started, and would be jammed into the Pit not wanting to move for fear of losing their seat.



If you missed the first substate game, then you missed Katy Boll leading the team to victory.

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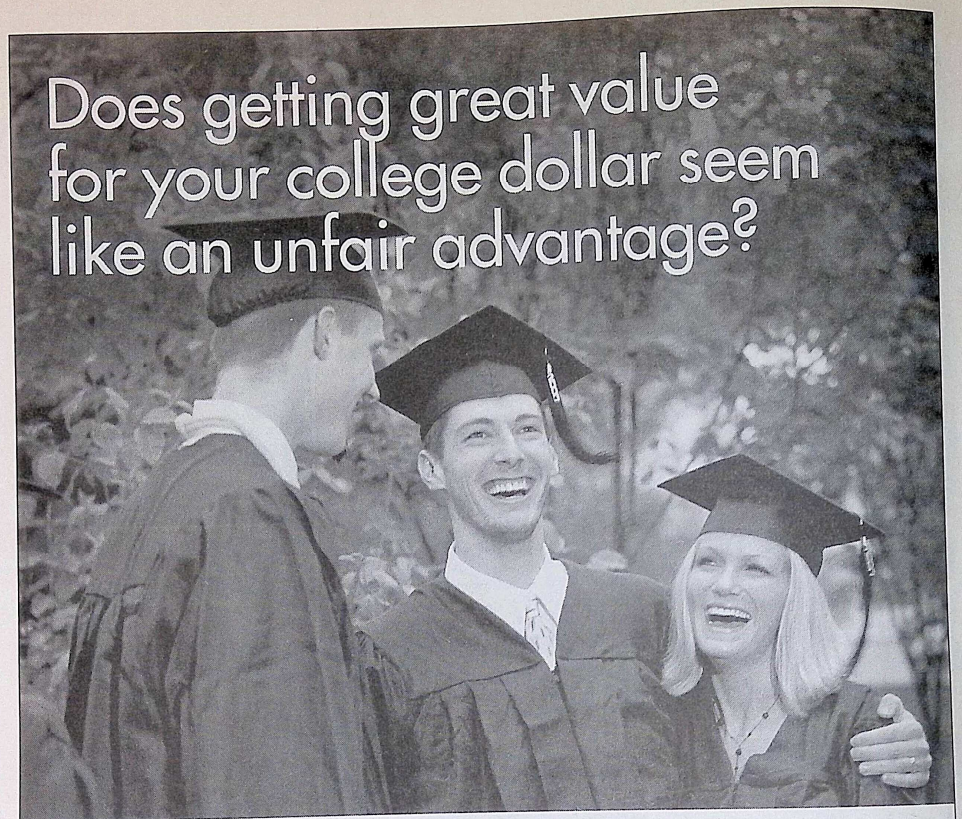
Another thing I find irritating is when students do go to the girls' games and are told by upper classmen to sit down and shut up because "it's just a girl's game." I heard one student say, "The only reason we are here watching the girls play is to get good seats for the boys game next." But why not cheer for the girls anyway? At all the boys' games students stand the entire game and cheer.

If students find the girls' games "boring" and unworthy of their time, then why is it, if they make it to the state tournament, everyone now "loves" them?

The Lancer girls' basketball team deserves just as much support as any other team. I'm not saying everyone should go to all the girls' games instead of the boys, but students should go to some, and then they should cheer. The girls' team likes and deserves the support and screaming of fans just as much as the next team.

Does getting great value for your college dollar seem like an unfair advantage?



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